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13th 204 Japanese and Chinese from the steamship *Coptic*, in order to disinfect their clothing, baggage, etc. Each lot was detained two days.

The bill of health of the *Peru* recorded 6 cases of plague at Hongkong and some plague at Amoy. Also 85 cases and 35 deaths from variola at Kobe, Japan. The bill of health of the *Coptic* recorded 8 cases of plague at Hongkong, again "some" plague at Amoy, and 88 cases of variola at Kobe, Japan.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival of steamship Earnwell at Delaware Breakwater Quarantine with three cases of smallpox.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER QUARANTINE STATION

August 27, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my telegrams of this date, relative to the arrival this morning of the steamship *Earnwell*, with 3 cases of smallpox on board. The first mate, Mr. Flowers, has a confluent case in the 14th day of the eruption, and is a very sick man. The other 2 cases are the third mate, Newman, and the steward, Larsen. These two were taken with the disease on August 12, and have had a very light attack, as both had been vaccinated. They are both now convalescent. Larsen had a very light attack of varioloid, while Newman's was more severe, but both are now desquamating, and will soon be well. Everyone else on board is well, and all hands were vaccinated at Colon, and in those cases in which it did not take, the operation was repeated at Port Royal. One of the firemen, who had had the smallpox, was detailed to nurse the cases, and at Port Royal a female nurse was taken on board to assist in nursing, but as she was seasick all the way up she was of no service. I removed the 3 cases, this woman, and the fireman, as they all had been most exposed. I am utilizing the fireman to help nurse the first mate, and hope to also make use of the woman in the same capacity as soon as she recovers from her sea trip. I am treating the first mate in the pesthouse, while the two men, the woman, and Dr. Green will occupy tents in the contagious disease camp. I have detailed one of my marine-hospital nurses to duty with these patients, and have engaged a man as an additional attendant to take his place while so occupied. I will forward his nomination by the next mail, as I am awaiting the arrival of Dr. Green, who comes on the evening train from Philadelphia. I remanded the *Earnwell* to Reedy Island Quarantine for disinfection, and notified Dr. Glennan of the fact by wire. Everything is going on easily, and I do not anticipate any trouble in the care of the cases.

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER QUARANTINE STATION,

August 28, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that patient G. W. Flowers, first mate of steamship *Earnwell*, who was landed at this station yesterday, suffering with confluent variola in the fourteenth day of the eruption, died last night at 7.30. The other patients are doing well.

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.